

erosity be "not as it were of necessity, but willingly." The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Magic Keys

In a rude voice screamed little Tom :
 "Open the door for me!"
 "Yes," was the answer from within,
 "If you'll bring the proper key."
 "If you please, mamma," said little Tom,
 Putting down his pride ;
 At mention of the gentle words
 The door flew open wide.
 Hearts, like doors, are often locked ;
 "Thank you," and, "If you please,"
 Spoken with a pleasant smile,
 Are the magic keys.

—Mary F. Butts, in Outlook.

Repairing Mother

Elizabeth Grinnell in an Exchange.

A nap after dinner is worth two hours of sleep in the morning to mother. Mothers, more than most people, wear out if they are not repaired, and it is the duty of the family to see that repairs go on before the dear tenement falters. So many people paint the house and have the homes cleaned and repapered and the furniture retouched, who never think of repairing the mother. Think of it, to let a mother wear out for want of a little repair. Why, she is costly, and rare, and altogether good to have around, isn't she?

How Birds Help Us

Farm Journal.

Birds do an immense amount of drudgery for man, if they do now and then reward themselves by a dainty tidbit of ripening fruit. A pair of robins have been watched while they carried a thousand earthworms to their brood. Woodpeckers destroy eggs and larvæ which would develop millions of destructive creatures in forests and orchards ; and one of the most inevitable foes of the canker worm is the beautiful oriole, were it but allowed to live and hang its swinging cradle to the elm. For every wing of black and orange on a young girl's hat an apple tree is stripped of leaves and young fruit, or an elm is denuded of its graceful foliage by the canker worm.

Sisters' Society C. E.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. For the Month of August

THEOLOGICAL CHAIR

Reported,	\$12 93
Mount Union, Ind., S. S. C. E.,	50
New Enterprise, Pa., "	3 00
Fairview, Pa., "	1 70
Clara Neible on pledge,	2 00
Mrs. Martha Wade, on pledge,	2 00
George W. Smutz, "	1 00
Mrs. Sophia Keim, pledge in full,	3 00
Oliver Hummel, " "	3 00
James Rodabaugh, " "	3 00
Alice Rodabaugh, " "	3 00
B. H. Swineheart, " "	3 00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs, pledge in full,	3 00
P. M. Swineheart, pledge in full,	1 00

\$42 13

To Treasurer of Ashland University.

12 93

Total in fund,

\$29 20

HOME MISSIONS

Reported,
 Fairview Pa., S. S. C. E.,

\$185 87
 1 70

To Treasurer of N. M. B.,
 Total,

\$187 57
 10 00
 \$177 57

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Reported,
 West Independence, O. S. S. C. E.,
 Alice E. Augustine, on pledge,

\$4 11
 1 50
 1 00

Withdrawn for Holsinger fund,

\$6 61
 4 75

Total,

\$1 86

HOLSINGER FUND

From S. M. F.,
 C. E. S., Milford, Ind., pledge in full,
 Mrs. Hannah Lowman,
 Guilford Leslie,
 Rev. J. M. Fox,

\$4 75
 50
 1 00
 2 50
 1 25

To Brother Holsinger,

\$10 00
 10 00

Report for the Year Ending August 30, 1899

EXPENDITURES

To Brother Holsinger,
 Theological Chair,
 Dayton Mission,
 Chicago and Washington,

\$136 33
 322 93
 12 00
 94 00

Total,

\$565 26

AMOUNT IN TREASURY

Orphan Endowment Fund,
 Home Mission "
 Foreign "
 Theological,
 Superannuated Ministers' Fund,

\$125 37
 177 57
 80
 29 20
 1 86

\$334 80

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.

Box 477, South Bend, Ind.

The Women Pray for Peace

At last the angel's touch is felt.
 The Christ is understood,
 The music of the world is heard
 In tender, quiet mood.
 The stars shine out upon the night,
 The noisy thunders cease,
 Men's pulses are subdued to love—
 The women pray for peace.

Yet what shall quench the triumph shout
 When Sisera lies dead?
 Still rings the song of Deborah,
 When evil hosts have fled ;
 For, when wrong rides triumphantly,
 How shall the battle cease?
 What shall the race of heroes do
 When women pray for peace?

There will be Miriams still to lead,
 With timbrel and in dance,
 When the fell waters of the sea
 Drown Pharaoh's evil chance ;
 And women's hands will crown true knights
 For honor's high increase,
 And for the love of chivalry,
 Because they pray for peace.

But sin alone, not jealousy,
 Should wield the sword today.
 The hands of men whom women love
 Must only evil slay.
 O world, be glad that hate should die,
 Love and good will increase ;
 For heaven comes down with earth to dwell
 When women pray for peace.

—Christian World.

Minutes of the Business Session of the S. S. C. E., Winona, Lake

House was called to order and devotional exercises were conducted by the president, Miss Vianna Detwiler.

A motion was then made that the president appoint a committee on credentials. This was done. It was found however that a number of delegates had been sent without having been provided with credentials. Upon motion it was decided that all sisters sent as delegates be accepted whether they be provided with credentials or not for the present, but in the future it will be the duty of the National Secretary to send credential blanks with yearly report blanks to each local society. These to be sent in ample time, after which no delegate will be accepted without credentials.

A motion was then made that for the present all persons sent as delegates be accepted. This was intended to include the Brethren. After some discussion a vote was taken. The motion was lost by a very large majority.

A motion was then made that in the future the National Treasurer be required to give bond as Mrs. Augustine has done this year, to the amount of not less than fifteen hundred dollars. After some discussion the motion was carried.

The secretary's report was then read and accepted. This report showed a very marked increase over last year in members, meetings held and also in money raised.

The treasurer's report was then read and accepted.

The election of officers was next in order. All the old officers were retained.

The subject of the disposition to be made of a quilt that had been presented to the S. S. C. E., the proceeds to go for mission purposes was discussed. It was decided to bring the matter before the General Conference to raise all the money possible on the quilt and then present quilt and money to the National Mission Board.

The matter of remunerating Sister Detwiler was next considered. It was decided that she should retain all money received in past over and above expenses, and that for the next four months she should receive forty dollars per month above expenses. All money raised above that amount should be turned into the general treasury. Should the collections not reach that amount, an effort will be made to raise it at the next conference. It was also decided that Sister Detwiler take individual pledges for theological chair, mission work and superannuated minister's fund.

It was also decided to make an effort to continue paying brother and sister R. H. Holsinger ten dollars a month as was done last year.

It was also decided to pay to our National Mission Board ten dollars a month so long as we have means sufficient.

Sister Detwiler was also authorized to take